

Acts 2:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

Analysis

David, 'seeing this before' through prophetic foresight, 'spake of the resurrection of Christ.' The Greek 'proidōn' (foreseeing) indicates supernatural vision beyond natural knowledge - the Spirit enabled David to witness Christ's resurrection prophetically. This establishes Scripture's organic unity: Old Testament authors, though not fully understanding their words, were genuine instruments of divine revelation pointing to Christ.

Historical Context

This interpretive method - apostolic disclosure of Old Testament's Christological meaning - scandalized Jewish leaders who read Psalms autobiographically. Peter's claim required Spirit authority, which Pentecost's miracles validated. Early church's scriptural interpretation followed this apostolic pattern.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing Old Testament authors' limited understanding of their prophetic words affect your Bible reading?
2. What does David's prophetic foresight teach about Scripture's divine authorship transcending human intent?

Interlinear Text

προϊδὼν	ἐλάλησεν	περὶ	τῆς	ἀναστάσεως	τοῦ			
He seeing this before	spake	of	G3588	the resurrection	G3588			
G4275	G2980	G4012		G386				
Χριστοῦ	ὅτι	οὐ	κατελείφθη	ἡ	ψυχὴ	αὐτοῦ	εἰς	ᾗτου,
of Christ	that	not	left	G3588	soul	his	in	hell
G5547	G3754	G3756	G2641		G5590	G846	G1519	G86
οὔδε	ἡ	σὰρξ	αὐτοῦ	εἶδεν	διαφθοράν			
neither	G3588	flesh	his	did see	corruption			
G3761		G4561	G846	G1492	G1312			

Additional Cross-References

Acts 2:27 (Parallel theme): Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Psalms 16:10 (Parallel theme): For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Acts 13:35 (Parallel theme): Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.